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Title: PACKAGING SPOOL AND PROCESS

FOR PRODUCING SAME

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2004

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Dear Sir:

In response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application Dated November 23, 2004:

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a complete Specification as requested in the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated November 23, 2004.

Enclosed is a credit card form in the sum of \$500.00, representing the small entity filing fee. The filing fee in this case was previously paid, and the filing fee paid herewith should be promptly refunded to the Applicant.

Application Serial Number 10/042,687 was originally filed as Application Serial Number 09/383,908 on August 21, 2001. The Application was the subject of a Petition dated February 22, 2002. The Decision Granting the Petition was issued by the Petitions Branch on February 7, 2003.

The Decision caused Serial Number 09/383,908 to be assigned Serial Number 10/042,687 "for identification purposes." Since Application Serial Number 10/042,687 is the same case as Application Serial Number 09/383,908, and Serial Number 10/042,687 is not a continuation or Request for Continued Examination, and since the Application was given a new Serial Number by the Petitions Branch, and not pursuant to the Applicant's request, the filing fee enclosed herewith should be returned to the Applicant.

A complete specification and the proper filing fee was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office upon the filing of Serial Number 09/383,908, on August 21, 2001.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the canceled filing fee check in the amount of \$355.00, including the back of the check showing the Patent and Trademark Office endorsement. Also enclosed is the Decision Granting Petition dated February 7, 2003.

Also enclosed herewith is a newly executed Declaration, although both the specification and declaration are unnecssary since they were filed with the case on August 21, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application Dated November 23, 2004, copy of canceled check in the amount of \$355.00, Specification, Declaration; Credit Card Form for \$500.00, copy of Decision Granting Petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.322 and 1.53(e) and Post Card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage attached thereto, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 21st day of January, 2005.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)). Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents. P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The specification is missing. A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 395 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- ✓ The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$395 for a Small Entity

• \$395 Statutory basic filing fee.

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A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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